

April 23, 2023



Were not
our hearts
burning
within us?

LK 24:32

Third Sunday of Easter

Fr. Ignatius Message

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COME and SEE Season 1 series starts April 23 at 1:30 pm. Join us for a Sunday afternoon movie time with family and friends.

LIMITED SEATS available. Visit our website

<https://stgerards.ca/the-chosen>



to RSVP **your SPOT** so we can arrange our living room!

Don't forget to bring a friend!

MASS TIMES

Tuesday 6:30 pm

Wednesday - Friday 9:00 am

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 and 11:00 am

ADORATION

Tuesday 3:00 - 6:00 pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 pm

PARISH TEAM

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday:

9 am to 12 pm (noon)

Closed noon - 1 pm (*lunch break*)

Afternoons **by appointment only:**

from 1 pm - 4:30 pm

Closed Holidays

Deadline for Parish Newsletter

Wednesday at 4:00 pm

Sacrament of the Sick



Dear Friends,

As you know, I flew to Houston the week before Holy Week. I was away from that Monday to Friday.

The purpose of my visit was to see and say a final goodbye to a family member. My brother-in-law, Bai, was quite sick and not expected to live much longer. He was very weak, unable to move and confined to bed. My sister would make him some broth and feed it to him by the teaspoonful, a few sips at a time. The doctor suggested that it was time to gather the family together to say goodbye.

On the plane over, I prayed for my sister's husband. He lived the life of a very good man. He was someone you could count on for anything. He led the family in faith and ensured his children went to church and were brought up "right". Bai has always been a gentle and loving individual. He worked hard and provided well for his family and was generous and giving to anyone who needed help.

I was shocked when I arrived and saw him looking so very pale and not responsive. I knelt beside him and said a few prayers. Later, his family joined me in prayer as we formed a circle around his bed. I administered the Sacrament of the Sick and anointed him with the sacred oils before we all went to bed.

The next morning, he seemed to recognize who I was. I sat by his bed and reminisced about the past. He seemed to remember and was able to speak a few words.

In the days that followed, my brother-in-law gained back some strength- enough to help us move him from his bed to sit in his wheelchair.

By the end of my visit, my brother-in-law was able to move himself to the edge of the bed, unassisted. He went from being completely immobile to being able to move himself somewhat. His speech improved noticeably. He is now able to enjoy a meal with his family.

I have always strongly believed in God's healing through the Sacrament of the Sick. Over my thirty-six years as a priest, I have witnessed a few miracles happen to people who were close to death. Just as God knows the number of hairs on your head, He knows the time to take you home - regardless of what a doctor may tell you.

I love Bai and will miss him greatly when the Lord decides it's time to bring him Home. For now, Bai's quality of life has improved greatly, and he and his family can better appreciate the life he has left.



Let us pray:
*Dear God,
please embrace
those who are
sick and
hurting today
and let them
feel the
warmth of Your
love. Amen!*

Fr. Ignatius Tran

Father Greg Coupal's 50 Years in the Priesthood Celebration update!

Saturday, April 29th after 5 pm mass. There are limited tickets still available to celebrate Father Greg Coupal's 50 years of Priesthood. Please contact Tanis@exnerfam@shaw.ca for more information.

Our Weekly Financial Pulse as of April 21, 2023:

Collections Last Week – \$8,038.22

(= the sum of TIA Donations plus General donations)

Weekly Break Even - \$8,184

(= Budgeted Expenses -\$403,931 plus \$36,194 (TIA) / 54 weeks)

SHORT - \$144.78

TIA (Together In Action) to date: \$5,045; 14% of Target

Donation envelopes are available at the parish office.

Welcome NEW parishioners!! Have you officially signed up to become a member of our parish? Sign up today to become a member of the parish.

Visit <https://www.stgerards.ca/becoming-a-registered-member>

Sign up for electronic giving at <https://stgerards.ca/donate>:

E-transfers accepted through Frontdesk.admin@stgerards.ca ; please specify intended ministry if applicable- ie. St. Vincent de Paul, Mission Mexico, TIA, etc.

Little Rock Scripture Study presents:

- **Galatians and Romans**; will resume on **April 26 at 9:45 am – 11:30 am**. Lesson 9 in the North Hall.

Card Party Ministry every Wednesday after 9:00 am mass:

- ❖ **Join us for 9:00 am mass** followed by fellowship and games – Bridge and Euchre (South parish hall). **Are you able to play?**



Flowers for the Altar

Please consider making a donation for the “Altar Flowers” using YELLOW envelopes found in your pew. **Thank you for your generosity!** in assisting our Environmental team make our

Easter Season Special!

COMING SOON in May & June (Sponsored by the PPC)

Mark your calendars, you don't want to miss this event! Details to follow.

- **May 27 (Sat) after 5 pm Mass**, International Potluck and Dance with a Live band!
- **June 23 (Fri) at 7:00 pm, Wine down and Silent Auction Fundraising Event.** Let's set the mood @ 6:30 pm with Live Jazz band.

Knights of Columbus News:

Spring "Meat" Sale Fundraiser

Have you got the summer BBQ covered???

Deadline to place your order **this Sunday, April 23**, visit:

<https://fundforward.ca/collections/kofcbishopklein2023>

Pick-up is May 4.



Membership Drive, May 6 & 7

Calling all Catholic men, **18+ years to join the order that Pope St. John Paul II referred to as the "strong right arm of the church."**

Live by our compass: *charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism.* Meet like-minded Catholic men who practice their faith daily with passion and fraternity. **Join us** and experience the joy that comes with a life focused on charity. Click [here](#) to learn more.



Hike for Life - May 13

Don't miss this chance to show your support for life and family.

Join a peaceful, prayerful, and family-friendly 10K Walk/Hike on Saturday, May 13 to celebrate and witness to respect for every life! Grandparents and elderly are invited too! Tables and chairs will be available. Enjoy live music, snacks, and a hotdog BBQ lunch after the walk! Funds raised will support four educational *Respect Life* programs in schools and the community.

Support us by Visiting at calgaryprolife.com and type in **EMMAUS TEAM** or using link below: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/calgary-pro-life-association/p2p/Hike-for-Life-2023/team/emmaus-team/>

Knights of Columbus Annual
MOTHER'S DAY
Breakfast
 MAY 14 AFTER BOTH MASSES

\$5/person \$20/family

Bring your mom and enjoy a traditional pancake breakfast!



Fun for the whole family.



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION: Parishioners, please keep the **First Eucharist** and Confirmation candidates in your prayers as they complete their journey. Thank you!



First Eucharist:

*Please bring a non-perishable food for SSVP for our activity.

Retreat and fellowship - April 29 at 10:00 am to noon.

CONFIRMATION (Grade 6 and up)



Retreat day: May 6 at 10:00 am

May 13 @ 1:00 pm, Confirmation celebration (all including ESPP)

Four (4) Altar Servers needed. Contact Owen if interested.

New Ushers Needed

The Usher Team needs new members to help with collections and other duties.

Call or email Randy
 587-777-8925
randylangille@shaw.ca



Your help is needed! The Usher team is looking for new members. We have returned to the 'old' way of collections. This means we need more Ushers to assist in passing of the baskets as well as other duties.

If you think you would like to join the Usher team, please either call Randy at 587-777-8925 or email him at: randylangille@shaw.ca

UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY IN OUR PARISH:

This Easter Season put on a discerning heart and prayerfully intention.

Ask yourself - *Where are my talents needed today? How can I help build this ministry in our community.* **Yes, we need YOU!** Let us build our parish together with the future generation in mind.

Are you interested? Please contact pastoral.coordinator@stgerards.ca

Volunteer Children's Liturgy Coordinator:

- Twice a month commitment for 9:00 am and 11:00 am mass if possible.

Volunteer Youth Coordinator:

- Once a month commitment.

Celebrating Life – Birthday and Wedding Anniversaries



Happy Birthday to all April celebrants including...

Nazira Abi-Rached on April 25th

John Vettergreen - April 27th

Yvette Hope – April 28

Happy Happily Ever After Wedding Anniversary to all those celebrating in April including:

On April 20 - John and Janyth McDermott - 60th Anniversary

On April 22 - Gerry and Mary Saito – 46th Anniversary

On April 26th - Randy and Irene Langille - 48th Anniversary

MASS INTENTIONS –APRIL 2023

Tuesday, April 25 @ 6:30 pm	CWL Memorial Mass	RIP
Wednesday, April 26 @ 9:00 am	Shawna Johnson	SI
Thursday, April 27 @ 9:00 am	Gerard O'Herlihy	SI
Friday, April 28 @ 9:00 am	Elizabeth Royer	RIP
Saturday, April 29 @ 5:00 pm	Alain Sia-Verdier	SI
Sunday, April 30 @ 9:00 am	Antonio de Somma	RIP
Sunday, April 30 @ 11:00 am	Margaret Beer	RIP

WEDNESDAYS in MAY after 9:00 am mass



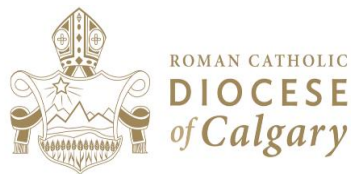
Every Wednesday after 9:00 am mass.

Join us in prayer to Our Mother of Perpetual Help.

All are welcome.

A word of THANKS!

THANK YOU to all who attend the dialouge - on behalf of the Office of Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs of the Catholic Diocese of Calgary, Dr. Anthony Barber (University of Calgary, Head of Asian Studies), a Buddhist Monk, and Dr. Timothy Harvie (St. Mary's University Associate Professor of Philosophy and Ethics, and Program Coordinator of Social Justice and Catholic Studies).



Purchase your copy using link below, bring your copy to parish office and we will connect with the authors to sign your copy. All Sales proceeds go to St. Gerard's church.

https://www.amazon.ca/s?k=Christian+Buddhist+conversations%2C+Barber&ref=nav_bb_sb

Christian-Buddhist Conversations: Foundations for Dialogue



A.W. Barber & Timothy Harvie

AROUND THE COMMUNITY



Annie Jr presented by St. John Choir Schola

Purchase a ticket online

<https://www.sjcschola.ca/anniejr.html> by credit card or e-transfer with no addition fees. Bow Valley Christian Church auditorium [5300 53 Ave NW, Calgary](#)

Dates: April 26, 27, 28th - evening shows, 7 pm

Holy Family Conference, April 28 & 29 at Shrine of Our Lady of the Rockies

Theme: "It Takes a Family to Heal a Family"

All are welcome to attend this two-day conference at Our Lady of the Rockies, Canmore, beginning with Mass at 7 pm on Friday, April 28th and continuing on Saturday, April 29th.

Facilitator: Lyle Thorne

Speakers: Father Paul Moret, Chief Wilton Littlechild, Karen Wildcat, and Deacon Ed Mending

Topics: Holy Cloak of St. Joseph, Truth & Reconciliation, St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Works of Mercy, Prison Ministry.

Cost: \$40.00/adult or \$50.00 for family of four (\$10.00 for each additional child)

Contact: Lyle Thorne at 1-780-915-6091 or ourhope@telus.net to register

Journeying Together: Hope and Healing for Those Mourning a Child Through Miscarriage or Stillbirth;

Two-day workshop:

- Friday, May 5th, 7 pm to 9 pm at Ascension parish (Adoration, Healing Ministry)
- Saturday, May 6th, 9:30 am to 3:30 pm at Ascension parish (Talks, round table discussions, networking and support)

There is a registration form and fee to attend. Details in the poster.

Event Link: [HERE](#)

Journeying Together
Hope & Healing
FOR THOSE MOURNING
THE LOSS OF A CHILD
THROUGH MISCARRIAGE
OR STILLBIRTH

*Before I formed you in the womb
I knew you, before you were born
I set you apart.
JEREMIAH 1:5*

DATES
Day 1:
Adoration and
Healing Prayer
Ministry
Friday, May 5
7 pm to 9 pm
All are welcome

Day 2:
All Day Workshop
Saturday, May 6
9:30 am to 3:30

LOCATION
ASCENSION
CATHOLIC PARISH
100 Berkshire Blvd NW,
Calgary, AB

FEE
\$10 Per Person
\$15 Per Couple

CHILDCARE
Available
Saturday only

MAIN SPEAKERS
• Keynote: Eunice Peterson, MA, RPsych
• Fr. Adrian Martens
• Dr. Ivan D'Souza
• Rikka Borres
• Mike Franco

REGISTER at
tinyurl.com/3wcavkf6
REGISTRATION DEADLINE
Please complete your
registration by May 1st
For more information,
contact Anthony
403-218-5548

**ROMAN CATHOLIC
DIOCESE
of Calgary**

National Family and Life Week 2023

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) warmly invites the Catholic faithful to celebrate **National Family and Life Week 2023** on **May 7-14**, with the theme: **"Love one another. Just as I have loved you, love one another"** (John 13:34). For more info and family resources, visit www.cccb.ca

KIDS Bulletin – Third Sunday of Easter

Kid's challenge this week: How would you behave if you were eating with Jesus? What would you say? How would you treat him? When you are eating this week, take the time to talk to the people you are with and to think about how Christ is in each and every one of us. (CAFOD)

- [Colouring page this Sunday](#)
- [Kid's Bulletin this Sunday](#)